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COMMITTEE PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A GREAT PLAINS  
WILDLIFE DAMAGE CONTROL HANDBOOK

In 1969, Bob Henderson developed a two-volume Wildlife Damage Control Handbook for use by county extension agents throughout Kansas. The handbook was well received and was felt to be of definite value to the overall wildlife damage control program in Kansas.

Wildlife specialists in several other states expressed interest in developing a similar handbook, resulting in a discussion on developing a region-wide Great Plains Wildlife Damage Control Handbook. All of the state specialists represented at the discussion on planning for the Great Plains handbook (including several from outside the great plains area) agreed that such an undertaking would be worthwhile.

We plan to proceed formally under the auspices of the Great Plains Agricultural Council through the formation of a permanent Great Plains Wildlife Damage Control Committee. All cooperating wildlife specialists have already chosen particular sections of the present handbook to revise (see list of assignments following).

The general life history information, damage prevention techniques, and non lethal damage control methods will be written to conform to the entire region. However, lethal control methods and policies will be modified by each state specialist to conform to state laws. A loose-leaf format will provide the flexibility necessary to modify the handbook to fit the individual states.

The target date for the completion of revisions is June 1, 1976. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel have agreed to review all papers before their final inclusion in the handbook.

## ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

### WILDLIFE DAMAGE: PREVENTION AND CONTROL HANDBOOK

Rough drafts should be completed no later than June 1, 1976. Abstracts of important points and recommendations for each section should be included. Please scavenge through your files and send appropriate subject matter materials, bibliographies, etc. to authors listed.

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- Ecosystem
- Ideas About Wildlife Damage Control
- Use of Poisons
- Policy
- Extension's Role in Wildlife Damage Control

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Deer  
Antelope  
Buffalo  
Red Fox  
Swift Fox  
Gray Fox  
Sources of Supply

Mink  
Black-Footed Ferret  
Weasels            Muskrat  
Badger            Woodchucks  
Skunk            Squirrels  
Raccoon           Prairie Dog  
Rabbits           Pocket Gopher  
Beaver            Pack Rat  
Native Mice       Kangaroo Rat  
Some Wildlife Diseases

Ground Squirrels

Moles  
Shrews  
Opossum  
Bats

Nutria  
Armadillo  
Peccary  
Feral Hogs

Commensal Rodents

Introduction to Handbook  
Trapping (General)  
Fur Markets  
Supplies

Snakes  
Turtles